

1 7. Copy of "Notice to File Missing Parts of
2 Nonprovisional Application" having the legend
3 reading "PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE"
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5 8. Final Formal Figures 49 and 50
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8 IN THE DRAWINGS:
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10 Please substitute formal Figures 49 and 50 to replace
11 the original informal Figures 49 and 50 having pencil
12 markings that were submitted with the original application as
13 filed in the USPTO on 3/14/2004. No new matter has been
14 entered into the substitute figures.
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17 REMARKS:
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19 The 6/1/2004 Office Action states: "The signature of the
20 following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or
21 declaration: Robert L. Dekle". Accordingly, here is the
22 signature obtained from Robert L. Dekle the portion of the
23 declaration. For the record, he signed his signature on the
24 date of 3/14/2004 that is the date the application was mailed
25 to the USPTO and which is also the filing date of the
26 application at the USPTO.
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28 New formal Figures 49 and 50 are submitted herein.
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30 Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that he has
31 responded to all the items defined in the "Notice to File
32 Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application"
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1 PAYMENT OF FEES:

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3 Vail's Inventions Check No. 8668 in the amount of sixty
4 five dollars (\$65) is included herein to pay the required fee
5 as set forth under 37 CFR 1.27 to provide a missing signature
6 on the declaration.

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8 However, if the applicant has made a mistake on the
9 payment of any fees herein, applicant requests that any such
10 deficiencies be billed to Account No. 50-0499 that was
11 established on 3/20/1998. Fees on patents and patent
12 applications entirely owned, or owned in part, by William
13 Banning Vail III may be made from this account. William
14 Banning Vail III is doing business as an inventor under the
15 name of "Vail's Inventions". Marilyn L. Vail, the wife of
16 William Banning Vail III, may also direct that fees be paid
17 from this Account No. 50-0499. If for unforeseen reasons
18 funds are not available in that account, please let applicant
19 know as soon as possible and said deficiencies will be paid
20 immediately. In the event of overpayment of any fees herein,
21 applicant respectfully requests that any overpayment be
22 deposited into Account No. 50-0499.

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26 Pro-Se Case

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28 This case herein is a pro-se case. Therefore, in the
29 event that the USPTO objects to any, or all of the claims
30 herein, applicant respectfully requests assistance from the
31 Examiner under MPEP Section 707.07(j) to draft an acceptable
32 claim based upon the disclosure and language in the
33 application.

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1 Further, in the event that the Examiner rejects the
2 claims, applicant requests that Examiner direct applicant
3 to the claims closest to allowability, and if possible,
4 applicant further requests that Examiner preliminarily
5 mark-up one of said claims in a future office action to
6 further aid applicant to achieve allowability of at least
7 one claim in an expeditious fashion.

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11 **DECLARATION:**
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13 As applicant, I hereby verify that all statements made
14 herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements
15 made on my information and belief are believed to be true;
16 and further that these statements were made with the
17 knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made
18 are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under
19 Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that
20 such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of
21 the application or any patent issuing thereon.
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23 This application is filed pro-se. The applicant is
24 using the book entitled "Patent It Yourself", Ninth Edition,
25 by David Pressman, and if there are errors, please advise the
26 co-inventor, and such errors will be corrected immediately.
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28 Please address all correspondence involving this case to
29 the co-inventor at the below defined address. Thank you.
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32 (Entire Signature on Next Page for Clarity)
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33 for Serial No. 10/800,443.)

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